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Dear Parents/Carers,

I write to you again in a time of challenge and uncertainty. I know many of you will be worried and concerned by this change to your daughter's education. I understand and share these concerns as a parent, teacher and as the Head Teacher. However, we as a school wish to make this time away from the school building for your daughter the most productive experience it can be.

We have significantly increased, since the previous lockdown, our provision for online learning. All year groups will participate in TEAMS lessons with pupils in the older year groups attending all of their lessons online. Years 7, 8 and 9 currently have a number of their lessons taught directly. This will be increased from Monday January 18th with more lessons moving to TEAMS lessons. These additional TEAMS lessons will include direct teaching, extra support for pupils needing some or activities for the pupil that may need some greater challenge. Details of these changes will be sent out on Thursday, 14th January.

I know our pupils in Years 11 and 13 have the extra worry about the changes to examinations and how they will be completed. Unfortunately, as I write this letter I know no more than parents and pupils know from the press and statements already made. We will, as a school, contact parents and pupils, when we see the details of the announcements, including a timeline of actions. We will attempt to keep you as informed as possible.

I would urge pupils in Year 11 and 13 to keep working, keep attending their TEAMS lessons, complete coursework, and improve their understanding of the subjects they study. We have internal examinations scheduled for March and hopefully pupils will be in school by that point. We are unsure, currently of what evidence we will have to submit when deciding upon grades to be awarded for examinations. This could be work already completed as well as work that will be completed when pupils return to school.

We are still awaiting information from the Department of Education and the Local Authority on how Free School Meal vouchers will be distributed over the coming weeks. We will process these as quickly as possible when we do know and will be in touch with parents when we have more information. We are pressing for this to be completed as quickly as possible.

Broughton Hall High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people; we expect all pupils, staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.



We have provided a number of laptops for loan as well as supporting pupils whose internet is unreliable or currently broken. If your daughter cannot access her online lesson for reasons such as access to ICT equipment, technical issues with a laptop, passwords for TEAMS online lessons or class charts, please do contact school. We have an email address to support with technical issues which is: helpdesk@broughtonhall.com

Additionally we have on our website advice and guidance on using TEAMS that can be found using the following link: <http://www.broughtonhall.com/help.php>

We hope to make a phone call to each household in our school community. We aim to make regular contact with parents during this time to check on how pupils are doing and if there is any information or support you require. This will be just over 1200 calls and I wanted to ensure parents and pupils we will try to maintain regular contact over the coming weeks.

We have had a number of pupils in school today and this week who are the children of key workers or our vulnerable pupils. If you wish to book a place in school, please contact your daughter's Support Manager or Head of Year directly or via the general enquiries email address below. Unfortunately, we can only accept pupils on site who are the children of a key worker or a vulnerable pupil.

Our School Office will be open for telephone and email enquiries and staff will be available to contact from 8:00am - 3:30pm. If you are unsure where to direct your enquiry or concern, please use the email below and it will be redirected to the appropriate member of staff.

The telephone number is: 0151 541 9440

To email general enquiries please use: schooloffice@broughtonhall.com

I know these are very different days for our pupils and school is a quiet and an empty space without them. We hope to see all of our pupils back when it is safe to do so and I encourage them to keep working, improving their understanding, asking questions when they don't understand and trying to improve even in these difficult circumstances. I am reminded of a quote from Pope Francis as I ask our young people to maintain their purpose over the coming weeks, to remember their dreams and aspirations and look to what will be a brighter future.

'Dear young people, do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things!' (Pope Francis)

Please take care, stay safe and do contact school for any queries or questions we can try and support you with.

Yours sincerely,



Mr G Preston
Head Teacher